

111TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1647

Urging the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire and utilize the Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, as a full-service Department of Veterans Affairs hospital to better serve veterans throughout the Acadiana region of Louisiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Mr. MELANCON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Louisiana veterans, having served the United States with honor and at great personal sacrifice, deserve the best possible medical treatment available;

Whereas the residents of Louisiana and the American people owe the security of the Nation to those who have heroically defended it;

Whereas over 60,000 veterans currently reside in Louisiana's Acadiana region;

Whereas veterans living in Lafayette, Louisiana, and the surrounding areas must travel more than 180 miles round trip to receive comprehensive medical treatment from a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital;

Whereas traveling long distances to receive medical treatment is inconvenient and difficult for many veterans;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs has stated its desire to expand medical services in Lafayette to better serve Acadiana veterans and their families;

Whereas the Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, Louisiana, is being vacated in 2011, and this presents an opportunity for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire a prime medical facility; and

Whereas a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Acadiana would be a boon to the region's economy, providing more than 1,300 jobs to residents and veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives strongly
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 4 Lafayette, Louisiana, as a full-service Department of Vet-
 5 erans Affairs hospital to better serve veterans throughout
 6 the Acadiana region of Louisiana.

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